



STATE OF MICHIGAN
 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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November 16, 2020

TO: Daniel Eichinger, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Trail Easements Acquisition
 Western Upper Peninsula District - Ontonagon County
 Land Transaction Case #20180150

Purchase: 40.95 acres (11.26 miles x 30' of permanent trail rights) - \$153,000

Funding Source: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund – PA 165 of 2018 [TF17-0203]

PA 240 of 2018: Not applicable

Description: **Ontonagon County**

Greenland Township
 T51N, R38W, Sections 14, 22, 26 and 27

Ontonagon Township
 T50N, R41W, Section 26; and T51N, R39W, Section 15

Rockland Township
 T50N, R39W, Sections 22, 29 and 30; and T50N, R40W, Sections 27-29

All descriptions are more accurately described in the case file.

Seller: Lyme Timber LLC, Escanaba, Michigan

Authority: Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) December 1, 2020 calendar and is eligible for approval on December 8, 2020.

Management Purpose: The land will be managed by the Upper Peninsula Region of the Trails Section of the Parks and Recreation Division in conjunction with MI-TRALE ORV Club, as well as North Country and Superior Snowmobile Clubs.

Comments: The offered Lyme Timber LLC recreational trail easements are in Ontonagon County in the Western Upper Peninsula. This acquisition encompasses 40.95 acres and 11.26 miles x 30-feet of permanent trail rights. The offered easements will permanently secure trail access and connect trails on public lands in perpetuity.

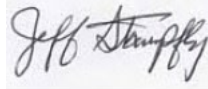
The desired easements were to be sold by Weyerhaeuser at the time of appropriation. Weyerhaeuser sold their lands to Lyme Timber LLC in late 2019.

This acquisition will contribute to achieving Department and division goals and strategies by providing additional public recreation opportunities and securing trails for future generations.

- Recommendations:
1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund [TF17-0203] Weyerhaeuser Multi-Use Trail Easement as contained in Act 165 of 2018.
 2. That the land be dedicated for public use as recreational trails and administered by the Parks and Recreation Division, Trails Section.



James L. Dexter, Chief
Fisheries Division



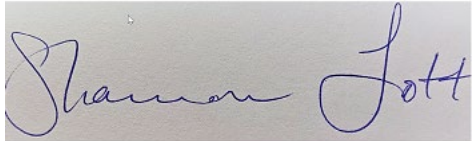
Jeff Stampfly, Acting Chief
Forest Resources Division



Ronald A. Olson, Chief
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Wildlife Division



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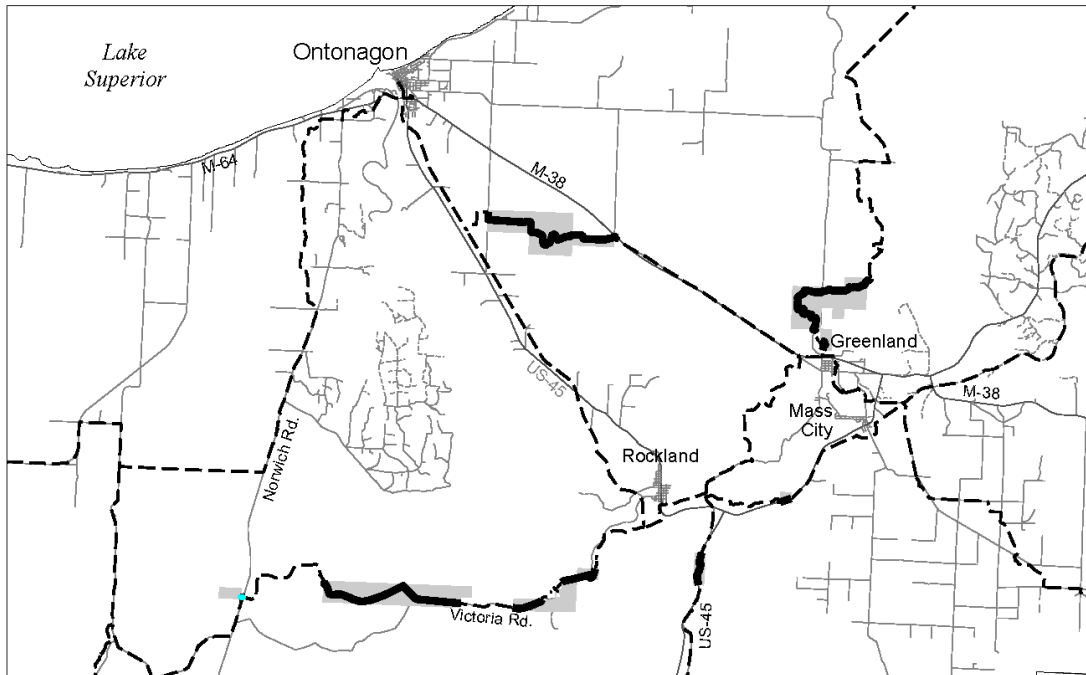
I approve the staff recommendations.

Daniel Eichinger
Director

Date Approved:

STATE TRAIL EASEMENTS ACQUISITION

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Townships of Ontonagon, Greenland and Rockland

- Easements to be acquired by DNR
- Applicant's land
- Designated snowmobile trails



DNR Project Boundaries